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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please add or amend the claims to read as follows, and cancel without prejudice or disclaimer to resubmission in a divisional or continuation application claims indicated as cancelled:

1. (Previously Presented) In a pipe clamp or coupling for pipe repair or for sealing relationship by means of a metal clamping band to surround said pipes, and a flexible inner sleeve disposed inside said clamping band, the improvement comprising a reinforcing material coaxial with said pipe clamp or coupling associated with said flexible inner sleeve to inhibit axial expansion of said inner sleeve when said inner sleeve is under compression between said pipes and said clamping band, wherein said flexible inner sleeve is provided with flexible sealing lips integral to said flexible inner sleeve on its inner face to contact said pipes.
2. (Currently Amended) The improvement to a pipe clamp or coupling as claimed in claim 1, wherein said ~~textile~~ reinforcing material is an aramide fiber.
3. (Currently Amended) The improvement to a pipe clamp or coupling as claimed in claim 1 wherein said reinforcing material is embedded within said sleeve.
4. (Currently Amended) The improvement to a pipe clamp or coupling as claimed in claim 1 wherein said reinforcing material is bonded to said sleeve.
5. (Cancelled)
6. (Currently Amended) The improvement to a pipe clamp or coupling as claimed in claim 1, wherein said flexible inner sleeve carries an array of depressions over most of its inner face.
7. (Currently Amended) The improvement to a pipe clamp or coupling as claimed in claim 1, wherein said flexible inner sleeve comprises a flat mat having a first end and a second end,

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said first end being attached to said band and said second end being free to overlap the inner surface of said mat retained in a cylindrical configuration when disposed inside said band.

8. (Currently Amended) The improvement to a pipe clamp or coupling as claimed in claim 1, wherein said ends of said flexible inner sleeve are tapered in a peripheral direction.

9. (Cancelled)